



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re the Application of: **Kenji MARUYAMA et al.**

Group Art Unit: **2813**

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SAME**

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2003, Applicants amend the claims as follows and submit the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.